

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMUNITY

# News

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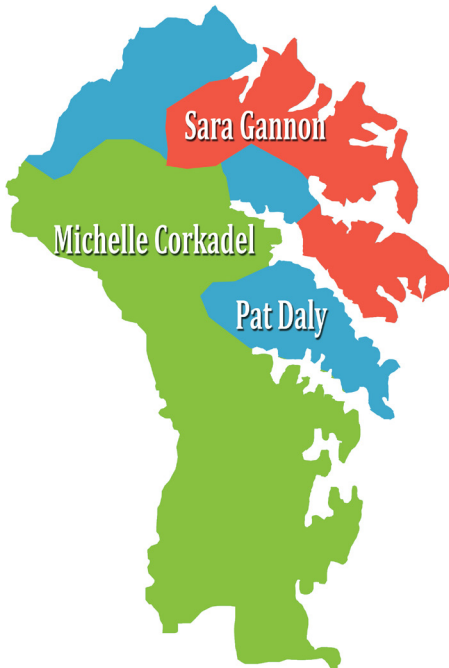
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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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## So much to do in Anne Arundel County for the holidays

The malls are full of shoppers and Santa and his helpers, but there is so much more going on for you to get in the spirit.

Kinder Farm Park's Farmhouse is open to the public three weekend days this month. You can stroll through and see some amazing decorations made by the garden clubs. You can also get a guided tour from Henry and Hilda Kinder.

Our senior centers have all kinds of great events, and seniors love to have your company!

The Pasadena center's holiday party is on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. On the same day the Capital City Community Choir will perform at the Pascal Activity Center in Glen Burnie.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, you can take a guided winter solstice guided hike at Beverly Triton Beach Park at 10 a.m.

There is so much more, including Lights on the Bay at Sandy Point State Park and Illuminated London Town in Edgewater. Happy Holidays everyone.



### General Development Plan "Listening Session" rolls on

The next "listening session" by the Office of Planning and Zoning will be Dec. 11 at Arundel High School. This is your chance to weigh in on the future of growth and development in the County. We want to hear from you and your neighbors.



### Transportation Planning Meetings in December

There are several ways to get involved in transportation planning this month. There are public meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 5 in Odenton, Dec. 7 in Glen Burnie and Dec. 12 in Annapolis. Comments will feed into the County's General Development Plan.

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My community organization has new officers or contact information

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## From the County Executive



This is the most wonderful season, the time of year when we're all a little kinder, a little bit gentler, and a little bit more generous to our friends and neighbors. The holiday spirit has the power to inspire every one of us and teach us to be the best that we can be every day of the year in recognizing our common humanity.

The tradition of the Christmas tree is an ancient one. For the Christians among us, the tree stands for our savior Jesus Christ. For all of humanity, a Christmas tree stands for life. That's why a Christmas tree is

green even in the coldest time of year.

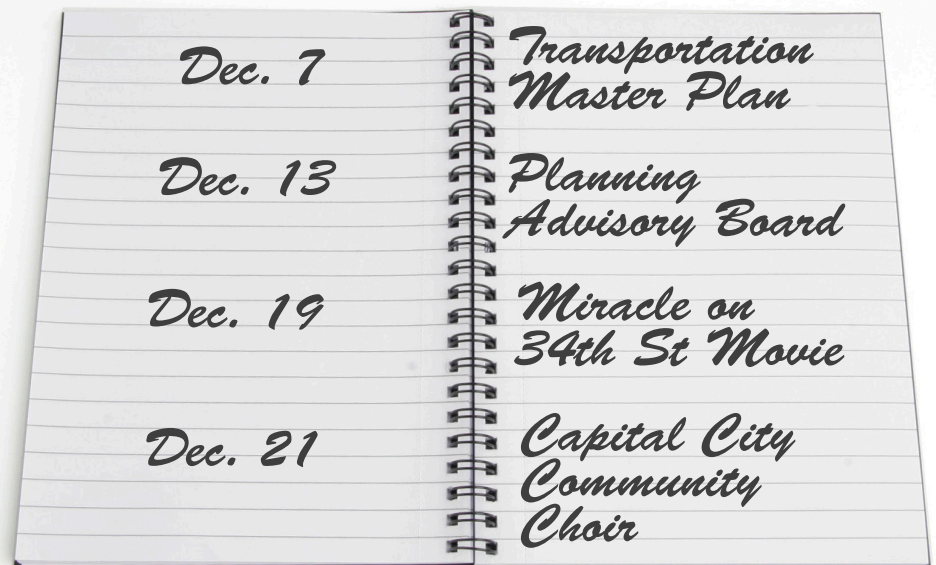
One of the greatest movies that captures this spirit is "It's a Wonderful Life." At the lowest point in his life George Bailey learns that he has indeed made a difference in his community and lead a meaningful, rewarding life because he gives back to others.

The message holds true today, in a world of social media and political difference. We are all neighbors and we can all do more to reach out and bring people together.

Please join me in wishing everyone a happy, safe and peaceful holiday season. With the New Year of 2018 approaching, we have a lot to accomplish and a lot to be thankful for.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Community Calendar



## Helpful Safety Tips

Everybody loves the lights, the trees and the great food around Christmas time. Let's make sure we are safe as well. This is a good time of year to check the batteries and functionality of your smoke detectors. Be sure to lock your car and your house with all of your holiday shopping and gifts. Avoid broadcasting what items you bought on social media, and when you are leaving your house. Keep your tree watered and at least three feet away from candles, fireplaces, space heaters, radiators, vents and other heat sources. Only purchase UL-listed lights and extension cords. Don't connect too many strings of lights together (you've seen "A Christmas Story," right?) Don't overload extension cords or sockets. Finally, if you really want a Red Rider BB gun, just be sure not to shoot your eye out.